The Church Today is Just a Phantom of What it was Meant to Be

It's always great to get confirmation of what has been deposited in you by the Spirit. With constant attacks on the mind by the enemy and accusations of heresy by Christians, these confirmations help prevent the soul and mind overpowering the spirit so they don't remove my peace and rest.

Here's one confirmation I received today. It confirms my teaching that we must become real, and live the genuine Kingdom life, not any form of religion.

> *"Except for a few places in the world where there are great persecutions or difficulties, we can hardly recognize either the ministry or the message that is being preached today. Therefore, the church is now but a phantom of what it was even in our time, and we were far from all we were called to be. When we served, being in ministry was the greatest sacrifice that one could make, and this reflected the message of the greatest sacrifice that was made-the cross. "The cross is the power of God, and it is the center of all we are called to live by. You now have so little power to transform the minds and hearts of believers because you do not live or preach the cross. Therefore, we have difficulty seeing much difference between the church and the heathen. That is not the gospel or the salvation that we were entrusted with. You must return to the cross." ...*
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> *As I walked away, I began thinking about the level of 'Salvation' on the mountain, and the treasures of salvation I had seen inside the mountain. I began to see that most of my own decisions – even the decision to enter the door that led me here – were based mainly on what would get me further, not on a consideration of the will of the Lord.*
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> *I was still living for myself, not for Him. Even in my desire to embrace the judgments here, I was motivated by what would help me make it back in victory without suffering loss. I was still walking much more in self-centeredness than in Christ-centeredness."* [1]

NOTE: The "cross" is not about bringing people to Jesus. It's not about the story of the crucifixion or the religious focus on wooden crucifixes. It's about the life of selflessness, of Christ-centredness. It's about the life that comes from the cross – living the cross.

The message that Jesus brought with him was the gospel of the Kingdom and its abundant life, life that is found in his salvation.

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(Readers will need to look up for themselves any scriptures alluded to in this document)

1 – Rick Joyner (2016) "The Final Quest Trilogy" p:74 [Kindle version]